

# Continuous Monitoring Federal Information Systems

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Continuous  
Monitoring is...



...more than just  
watching data

# Agenda

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- Overview of Continuous Monitoring Basics
- CAESARS architecture and SP 800-137
- Case Study Automated vs. Manual
- ASG and Tripwire Continuous Monitoring Solution
  - Finding the Events of Interest
  - Maintaining a Secure Configuration State
  - Providing actionable results

# Continuous Monitoring Basic Overview

- Technical and business process development to support a Agency
  - Technical development follows the Continuous Asset Evaluation, Situational Awareness and Risk Scoring (CAESAR) Reference Architecture
  - Process development follows NIST SP 800-137, *Information Security Continuous Monitoring for Federal Information Systems and Organizations*
- Strategy Development
  - Clear understanding of Agencies' risk tolerance helping to identify priorities
  - Meaningful metrics illustrating security posture
  - Continuous evaluation of the effectiveness of security controls
  - Compliance validation
  - Security status visible to all organizations to maintain vigilance
  - Awareness of threats and vulnerabilities

# Continuous Monitoring Basic Overview

- Establishing Agency's Information Security Continuous Monitoring (ISCM)
  - Define Agency-ISCM strategy
  - Establish the Agency-ISCM program
  - Develop the Agency-ISCM Reference Architecture
  - Analyze data and report findings
  - Respond to findings
  - Review and update the Agency-ISCM strategy and program



# Benefits of Continuous Monitoring

- Moves the focus back to Security
- Provides staff (management/operational) access to real-time security information
- Leads to improved security posture
- Creates better awareness of threats and vulnerabilities
- Automates manual processes wherever possible
- Enables prioritization of remediation
- Remediation costs move to daily operations

# Continuous Monitoring Challenges

- Identifying existing capabilities
  - Prevent unnecessary work in areas already developing
  - Increase effort to leverage those capabilities
- Participation
  - Ensure sufficient involvement to create a Agency-wide view of CM to capture the organizations core missions and business functions
- Developing the risk thresholds/tolerance levels
  - Capturing information and facilitating data driven management decisions
- Automation development
  - Engineering components of sub-systems not already in-place

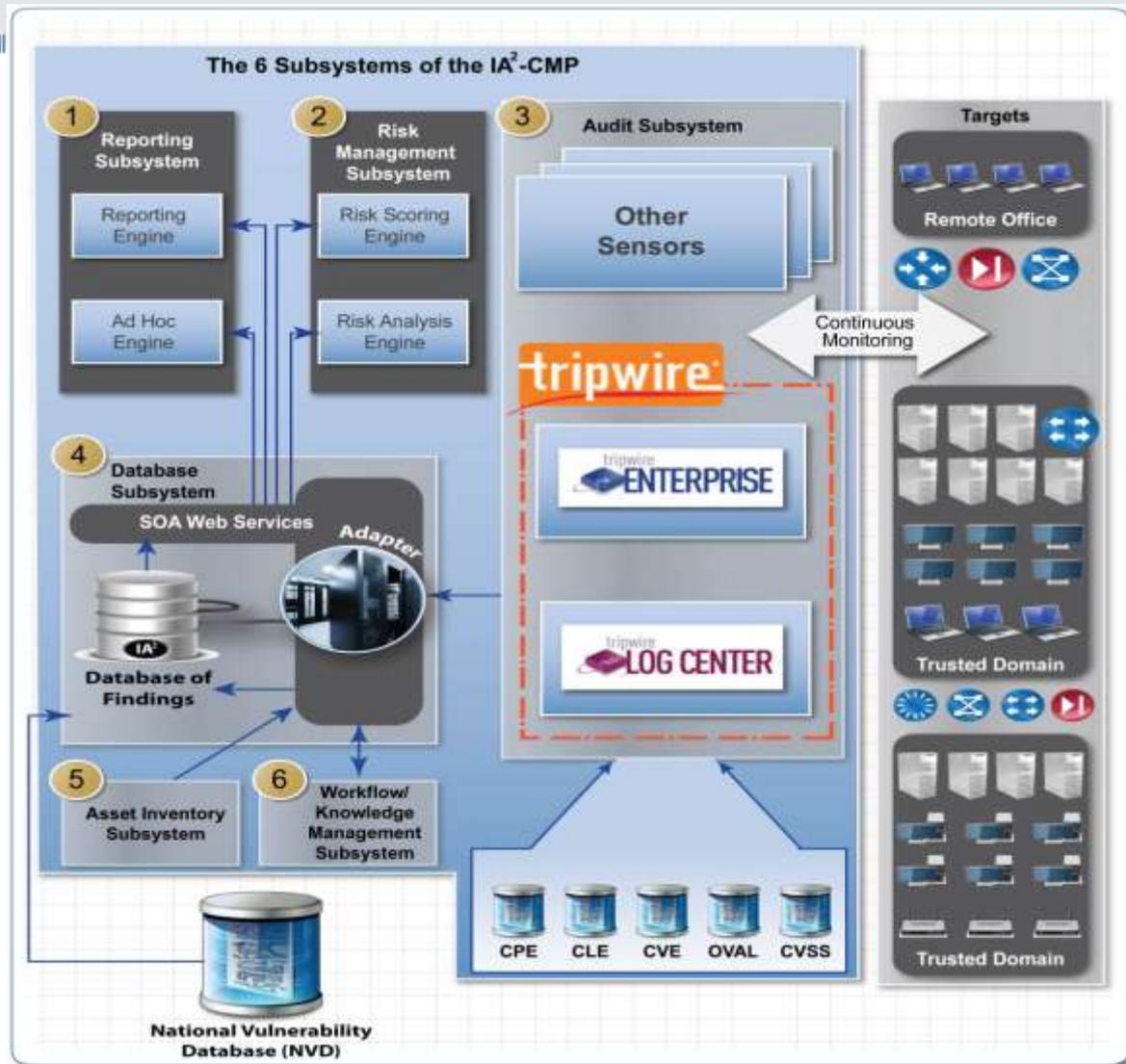
# Case Study

- VA
  - In 2005 300 systems were assessed with the average reporting time of 200 hours per system. In 2007 all 650+ systems were assessed, over 5 million individual tests, and the average reporting time was reduced to 4 hours... for QA review.

Year	Hours	Cost	Total
2005	200	\$125.00	\$25,000.00
2007	4	\$125.00	\$500.00

- Legislative Branch Auditing Organization
  - 2009/10 this organization needed to meet aggressive C&A deadlines that were costing millions. They had Limited Resources, Budget Constraints, Outsourcing C&A processes were too costly
  - Saved 600K within first year and an estimated 1.8 million through the current C&A Period

# Continuous Monitoring – Reference Architecture



# Continuous Monitoring Security Alerts

**Broad coverage**



**Continuous Monitoring Feeds**

- Config. Policy Failures →
- Found Vulnerabilities →
- Change Auth. Failures →
- Missing Patches →
- Change Policy Failures →

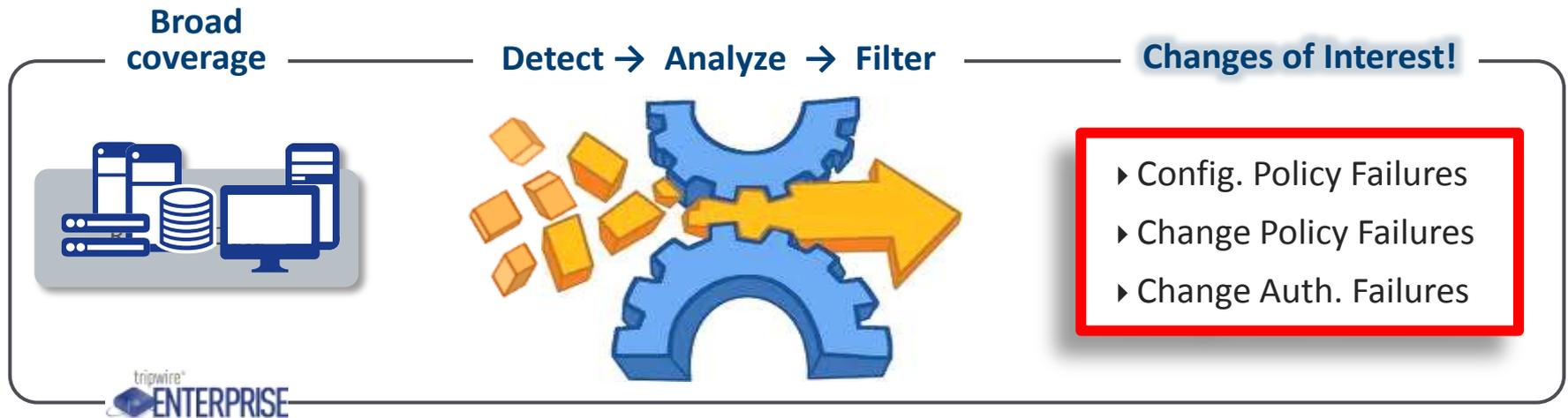


**Actionable Security Alerts!**

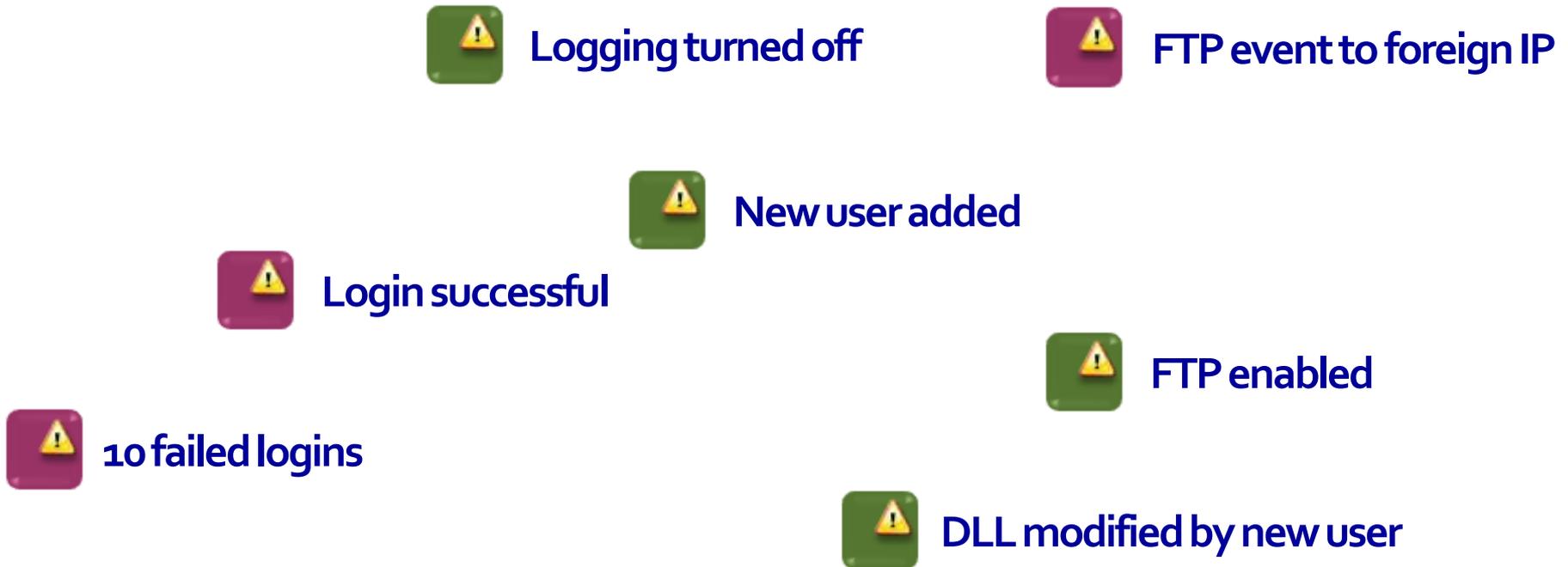
- ▶ Find complex risks
- ▶ Faster discovery
- ▶ Enhance SIEMs
- ▶ Less False Positives



# Configuration Changes of Interest: Analyze / Filter Change



# The Worst Problems Are Often Most Difficult To Discover



# Detecting configuration modifications Alone IS Not Enough



Logging turned off



New user added

Vulnerability, Change and Configuration Assessment **cannot** make these types alerts. **Change intelligence is required.**



FTP enabled



DLL modified by new user

# Detecting Log Security Events Alone IS Not Enough



FTP event to foreign IP



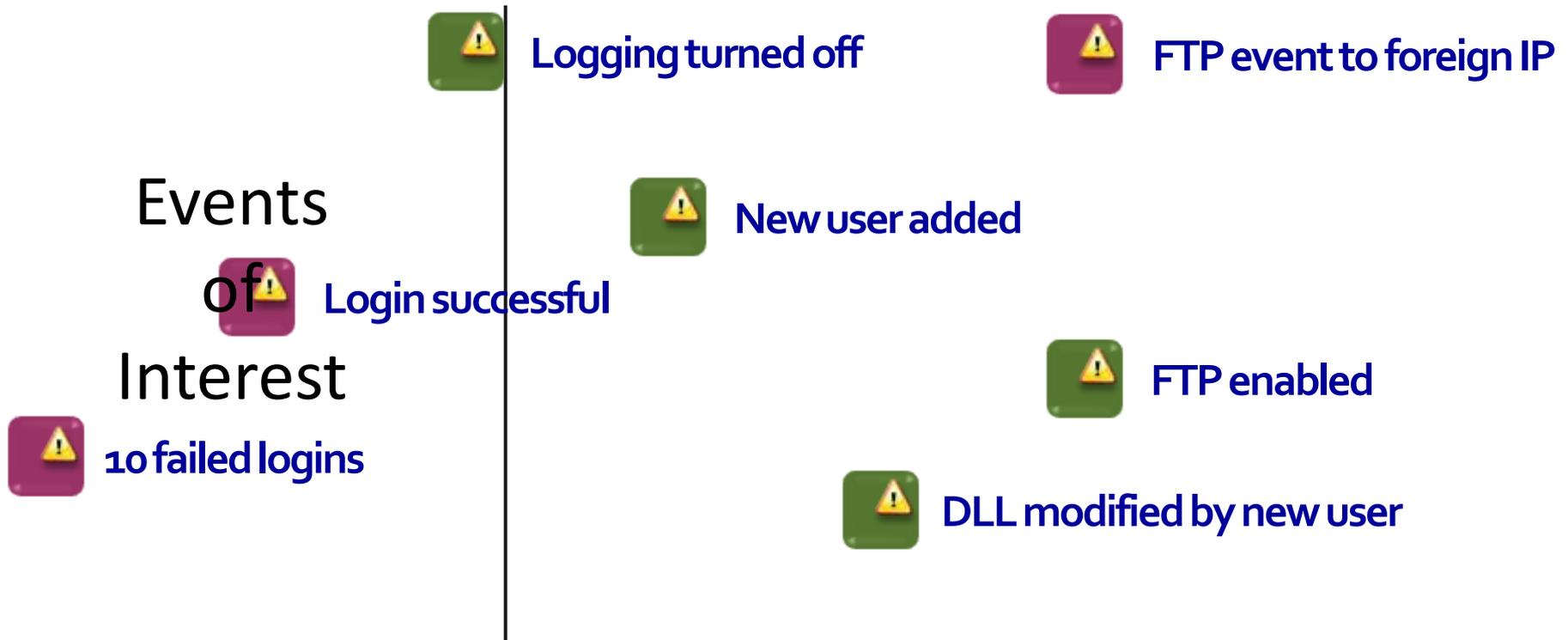
Login successful



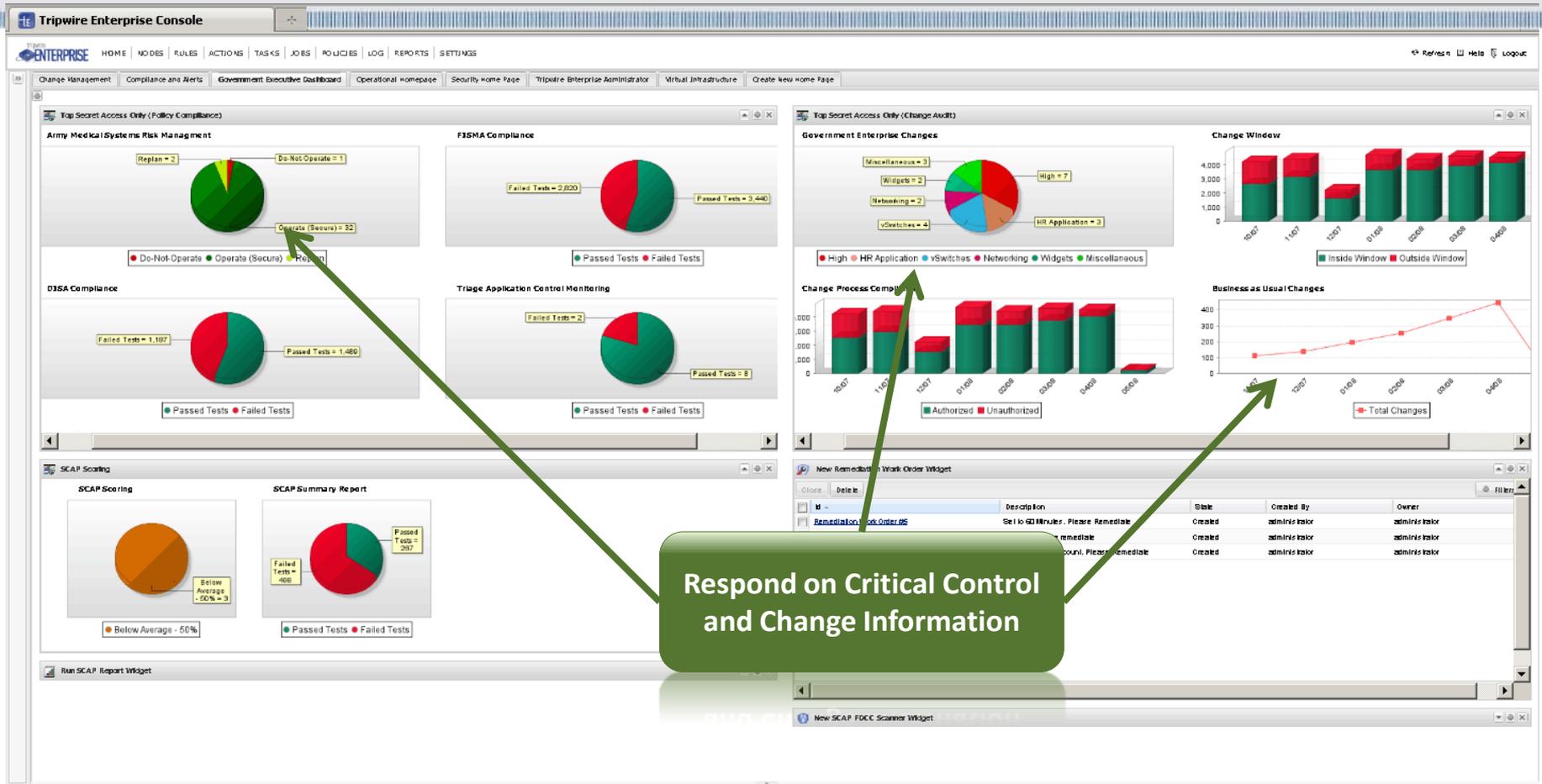
10 failed logins

Log management alone **cannot** alert on these events—**SIEM is required.**

# Relating Configuration Modification to Log Events Is Required



# Example Feedback to the Authorized Official



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Timestamp	Priority	Event Name	Protocol	Src IP	Dst IP	
04/19 14:23:37	Med	ICMP PING NMAP	ICMP	10.10.10.165	172.20.201.135	
04/19 14:23:37	Low	ICMP PING	ICMP	10.10.10.165	172.20.201.135	
04/19 14:23:36	Med	ICMP PING NMAP	ICMP	10.10.10.165	172.20.201.135	
04/19 14:23:36	Low	ICMP PING	ICMP	10.10.10.165	172.20.201.135	
04/19 14:23:34	Med	ICMP PING NMAP	ICMP	10.10.10.165	172.20.201.135	
04/19 14:15:49	Low	FTP format string attempt	TCP	10.10.10.165	172.20.201.135	21
04/19 14:15:15	High	FINGER remote command execution attempt	TCP	10.10.10.165	172.20.201.135	79
04/19 14:13:29	Med	FTP CWD ~ attempt	TCP	10.10.10.165	172.20.201.135	21
04/19 14:12:00	Med	SNMP request udp	UDP	10.10.10.165	172.20.201.135	161
04/19 14:12:00	Med	SNMP trap udp	UDP	10.10.10.165	172.20.201.135	162
04/19 14:11:51	Med	SNMP request udp	UDP	10.10.10.165	172.20.201.135	161
04/19 14:23:30	Low	ICMP PING	ICMP	10.10.10.165	172.20.201.135	
04/19 14:23:04	Med	FTP SITE EXEC attempt	TCP	10.10.10.165	172.20.201.135	21
04/19 14:23:04	Low	FTP format string attempt	TCP	10.10.10.165	172.20.201.135	21
04/19 14:22:49	Low	POLICY FTP anonymous login attempt	TCP	10.10.10.165	172.20.201.135	21
04/19 14:21:41	Med	FTP EXPLOIT STAT * dos attempt	TCP	10.10.10.165	172.20.201.135	21
04/19 14:21:41	Low	POLICY FTP anonymous login attempt	TCP	10.10.10.165	172.20.201.135	21
04/19 14:21:39	Med	FTP EXPLOIT STAT * dos attempt	TCP	10.10.10.165	172.20.201.135	21
04/19 14:21:24	Low	POLICY FTP anonymous login attempt	TCP	10.10.10.165	172.20.201.135	21
04/19 14:21:22	Low	POLICY FTP anonymous login attempt	TCP	10.10.10.228	172.20.201.135	21
04/19 14:21:22	Med	FTP SITE EXEC attempt	TCP	10.10.10.228	172.20.201.135	21
04/19 14:21:22	Med	FTP SITE EXEC format string attempt	TCP	10.10.10.228	172.20.201.135	21
04/19 14:21:22	Low	FTP format string attempt	TCP	10.10.10.228	172.20.201.135	21
04/19 14:21:07	Low	ICMP Echo Reply	TCP	10.10.10.165	172.20.201.135	
04/19 14:20:47	Med	SCAN nmap XMAS	TCP	10.10.10.228	172.20.201.135	1
04/19 14:20:44	Med	ICMP PING NMAP	TCP	10.10.10.228	172.20.201.135	

IP Address : 221.221.29.151  
 Event Count : 2  
 Country : China  
 City : Beijing

Source IP Address Map    Destination IP Address Map

Sweden : 12  
 United Kingdom : 12  
 France : 11  
 Germany : 11  
 Austria : 8

# Get visibility into Cyber Threats

Report Viewer -- Elements View

Element	Node	Version Type	Current Version	Severity	Rule
System Drivers	THE_TICK	Modification	Sep 27, 2011 3:06:02 PM	1,011	System Drivers
System Services	THE_TICK	Modification	Sep 26, 2011 3:48:01 PM	1,004	System Services
Listening Ports	THE_TICK	Modification	Sep 27, 2011 3:06:02 PM	9,996	Listening Ports
Local Firewall Configuration	THE_TICK	Modification	Sep 26, 2011 3:48:03 PM	1,061	Local Firewall - Configuration
Local Firewall State	THE_TICK	Modification	Sep 27, 2011 3:06:03 PM	1,061	Local Firewall - State
Local Firewall Service	THE_TICK	Modification	Sep 26, 2011 3:48:03 PM	100	Local Firewall - Service
Local Firewall Port Opening	THE_TICK	Modification	Sep 26, 2011 3:48:04 PM	1,061	Local Firewall - portopening
Local Firewall Operational Mode	THE_TICK	Modification	Sep 26, 2011 3:48:04 PM	1,061	Local Firewall - opmode
Local Firewall ICMP Setting	THE_TICK	Modification	Sep 26, 2011 3:48:05 PM	1,061	Local Firewall - ICMP Setting
Startup Tasks	THE_TICK	Modification	Sep 26, 2011 6:59:47 PM	1,004	Startup Tasks

Know the system settings that need to be secured

# IA<sup>2</sup> - Continuous Monitoring Program (CMP)

The screenshot displays the Tripwire IA2 software interface, which is used for continuous monitoring of security controls. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Navigation Panel (Top Left):** Shows 'My Agency' and 'My Site' with a central circular dashboard area.
- Control Packages (Top Center):** A navigation bar with tabs for AT, AU, CA, CM, CP, IA, IR, MA, MP, PE, PI. The 'IA' tab is currently selected.
- Control Details (Top Right):** Displays 'IDENTIFICATION AND AUTHENTICATION POLICY AND PROCEDURES' (Control: IA-1). It includes a description: 'The organization develops, disseminates, and reviews/updates [Assignment: organization-defined frequency]'. A note states: 'This control requires additional tailoring'.
- Control Packages (Middle Right):** A tree view showing the hierarchy of controls under 'NIST SP800-53 Rev3', including AC (Access Control), AT (Awareness and Training), and AU (Audit and Accountability).
- Test Cases (Bottom Right):** A list of test cases for the selected control, such as 'AT-1.1', 'AT-1.2', 'AT-1.2.1', etc.
- Questions (Middle Left):** A section for user-defined questions, currently showing '[Assignment: organization-defined frequency]'.
- Timeline (Bottom Center):** A Gantt-style chart showing the execution of tests over time, with bars for 'User1', 'User2', and 'Admin'.
- Summary Table (Bottom Left):** A table listing various test cases and their execution details.

Name	StartTime	EndTime	Effort
▼ Summary	10/31/2011 8:00 AM	11/21/2011 11:15 AM	5:03:15:00
Policy	10/31/2011 8:00 AM	11/1/2011 4:00 PM	16:00:00
Tripwire	11/2/2011 8:00 AM	11/7/2011 4:00 PM	2:16:00:00
SCAP	10/31/2011 8:00 AM	11/1/2011 4:00 PM	16:00:00
PE	10/31/2011 8:00 AM	11/4/2011 4:00 PM	1:16:00:00
Year 1	11/4/2011 1:15 PM	11/9/2011 9:15 AM	1:16:00:00
Master Test Case: NIST SP800-53 Rev3	11/2/2011 11:15 AM	11/21/2011 11:15 AM	4:08:00:00

# Questions and Answers



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# Complete Security & Compliance Solution

Tripwire Solution	Benefits
<b>Security Intelligence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arm CISOs with the data they need</li> <li>• Have business context (risk) to help prioritize &amp; make better decisions</li> <li>• Improve analytics</li> </ul>
<b>Security Hardening</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce attack surface</li> <li>• Harden systems through secure configurations</li> <li>• Understand the security and risk posture</li> </ul>
<b>Continuous Monitoring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make cost-effective, risk based decisions</li> <li>• Continuous controls-based visibility of state, policy &amp; events</li> <li>• Meet NIST 800-137 guidelines and go beyond the compliance checkbox</li> </ul>
<b>Threat Response</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detect real-time evidence of potential data compromise, misuse, tampering</li> <li>• Reduce the breach-to-detection time gap</li> </ul>
<b>Operationalize Security</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quick deployments of new datacenters, infrastructure and business services</li> <li>• Find and fix security breaches &amp; weaknesses in defenses</li> <li>• Manage planned and unplanned changes to production systems</li> </ul>
<b>Forensics/Investigation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quickly extract actionable information from critical systems</li> <li>• Quickly identify root cause of incident &amp; problem management</li> <li>• Have historical proof to simplify compliance</li> </ul>
<b>Continuous Compliance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Satisfy compliance requirements for security assurance</li> <li>• Make compliance a by-product of being secure continuously</li> <li>• Be compliant at lowest cost</li> </ul>
<b>Compliance Auditing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoid fines, audit failures and penalties</li> <li>• Proactively manage compliance</li> <li>• Easily prove compliance on-demand at lowest possible cost</li> </ul>



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